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Montgomery Bell Searches for a New Leader

With the retirement of Dr. Douglas D. Paschall at the end of the 1993-1994 school year, Montgomery Bell Academy will lose a leader, a teacher, and a father. The loss of Dr. Paschall will leave a void in the leadership of Montgomery Bell Academy that will be very difficult to fill. In preparation for Dr. Paschall's retirement, the Board of Trustees of Montgomery Bell Academy has begun the search for MBA's sixteenth Headmaster.

The search began in late November with the formation of a search committee. Headed by Mr. W. Ridley Wills II, Chairman of MBA's Board of Trustees, the Headmaster Search Committee consists of Ben S. Gambill Jr.

(Vice-Chair), Robert E. McNeilly Jr., Dr. Roy O. Elam III, Justice Frank F. Drowota III, Dr. Roscoe R. Robinson, Stephen S. Riven, Brownlee O. Currey, William M. Wilson, and Dr. Douglas D. Paschall (ex-officio). These men are recognized leaders in the MBA community and are dedicated to the philosophy and objectives on which Montgomery Bell Academy was founded. Their exclusive goal is to find the most qualified individual possible to replace Dr. Paschall.

In December, the

by Robert West, Editor-in-Chief
committee created a job pro-



Mr. W. Ridley Wills II: Chair of Search Committee

file for the position of Headmaster of Montgomery Bell

Academy. Characteristics such as "Senior executive experience in education," "Outstanding academic training," "The ability to recognize, recruit, and retain gifted teachers," "A strong spiritual grounding that informs and sustains all aspects of his/her life," "A sense of discipline and toughmindedness that is nevertheless tempered by compassion, concern, and diplomacy," "A desire to sustain and improve a traditional school community that is committed to a rigorous, fundamental education but which is also

receptive to change," and "Finesse, a common touch, a good sense of humor, maturity, insight, and sensitivity" describe the individual that the Search Committee wishes to find.

In early January, the Search Committee contracted with Lamalie Amrop International to assist with the search. Lamalie Amrop is a nationally recognized search corporation located in Dallas that specializes in recruiting CEO's for major corporations and is capable, on a national scale, of attracting highly qualified individuals. Through Lamalie Amrop, the Search Committee feels confident that an excellent Headmaster can be found.

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Debate Team Sends Seven to the World Championships

by Clay Risen

The gods of election and good food once again have looked favorably on the MBA debate team.

In the closing weeks of 1993, the team of Eric Womack and Bobby Hartman finished strongly at the prestigious Glenbrook Round Robin. Bill Wilson was named the fourth speaker out more than 150 debaters at the Princeton Invitational, and Praveen Kambam and Clay Risen finished fifth at the Andrews Round Robin.

In early January MBA hosted the twelfth Southern Bell forum, which included 87 of the nations top teams plus lots of free food. Having stocked up on complimentary goo-gos, the team of Bill Wilson and Clay Risen flew to Cedar Rapids, where they placed in the top eight teams at the Wash-

ington High School Tournament.

At the same time, the team of Womack and Hartman, having prepared all Christmas, placed first at the Highland Park Round Robin.

But the big time winnings came at Emory University the next weekend.

Having paid Homage to Buddha, Peter Gabriel, a n d Ben & Jerry, both teams of Kambam and Risen, and Womack and Hartman compiled a 5-

1 record, which placed them in elimination rounds, along with Jim Miller in the L-D division. Jim reached octo-finals, Praveen and Clay double-octos, and Eric and Bobby a phenomenal Quarter-final finish.

As if that weren't enough, all the Juniors have

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Wilson and Womack smile

Soup Kitchen: True Service

by Robert West

The Soup Kitchen is an MBA institution every student should experience. Every first Saturday of every month MBA's most dedicated students get up at 8:45 to be at MBA's lower parking lot by 9:00 to ride down to East Nashville's Holy Name Soup Kitchen.

Led by Doctor Springer, Mr. Chenery, and Mrs. Lefebvre, MBA students create healthy dishes like shrimp gumbo, filet mignon, and pickled herring for Nashville's homeless.

Besides learning how to cut bananas properly, peel potatoes, and bring water to a boil, MBA students find out what it is like to cook, serve, and clean-up after two hundred people.

Mothers are not allowed at Soup Kitchen; but

after the initial shock, those who risk cutting up an onion,



Saturday Morning January 1, 1994. Where were you?

baking rolls, or making frozen meatloaf at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning soon experience a feeling of accomplishment in having helped one's fellow man.

The Soup Kitchen is most effective when a lot of student participate, and friends and volunteers are always welcome. If you want information about Soup Kitchen, you could talk to your Student Council representatives or you could talk to frequent participants like

Michael Haslam, Jim Bowen, Stratton Huggins, Freddie O'Connell, Clay Risen, Brandon Shea, and every one else I forgot to mention. Soup Kitchen lasts from 9:00AM until about 1:00PM, and every student 7th-12th is welcome and encouraged to come and help.

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OPINIONS

Public Persecution of Honor Offenders



**Jason
Bennett**
**Opinions
Editor**

Honor. It is one of the most basic foundation of Montgomery Bell Academy. Every day we are reminded of it by the word "pledged" we place on every piece of work we turn in. Every year at registration and again at midterm and final exams we are reminded of our duty to honor and truth. Dishonorable students, however, are shielded by the Honor Council as a matter of policy. The accusation, fact-finding, trial and decision are all shrouded

in secrecy in an attempt to keep anyone from learning of the process or the person(s) involved. This policy is detrimental to the honor code because the violator is not forced to face his fellow students in his iniquity. He can hide his guilt in the secrecy the honor council provides and never have to face his wrong. If, however, violators with permanent infractions (First, Second and Third level) were uncovered for all to see, I believe the number of honor violations would decrease. No one wants to be an example, especially a negative one, and knowing that one's guilt would be portrayed for all to see would serve as a deterrent

to potential violators. Those with warnings would not be revealed in order to give the violator a chance to turn himself around without public humiliation. This would also serve as a deterrent to repeat offenders because of the public disgrace involved. Hardened honor violators would not be deterred, but they should not be at MBA in the first place and are hard to help in any way. This policy change would benefit MBA by reducing honor violations and increasing respect for the honor code and would, I feel, give each student a greater personal sense of honor.

DR. SEUSS in Davis April 23

by Bill Hancock and Andy Corts

As spring time rolls around, febrile anticipation awaits the 1994 version of prom, a version that promises to be one of the best ever.

Almost every Junior has put forth an effort to help raise money. Our projects this year have involved duds days, poinsettia sales, concessions for school sponsored events, and a novel approach to fund raising at M.B.A. in the form of vending machines. The first hurdle the class had to overcome was finding a band that would live up to the reputation of last year's band (Push Down and Turn). We ap-

proached many agents as we flaunted our thick wallet, and, after refusing each band involved in last summer's HORDE festival, we decided on Mel and the Party Hats.

In addition to the band, a prom theme had to be decided. Many prom themes were presented to the class officers, and while we hoped to live up to the novelty and originality of last year's theme of Egypt, we have decided on the frivolity of Dr. Seuss.

Early in the year, the officers were approached with the idea of a new prom tradition. Our advisors as well as

members of the faculty helped us to come up with this new alignment:

As always, the dance itself will be held in the gymnasium. As for the presentation, it will be held this year in the Paschall theater.

With weather permitting, the senior dinner and roast may take place outside. Of course with bad weather, Frist Hall will live up to its potential as a fine dining facility. The prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 23. Find a date soon, for you don't want to miss it.

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Is The War on Drugs Worth the Loss of Civil Liberties

by Chris Kuhn

In no way shape or form do I advocate drug use of any kind, yet some questions still arise. Is this massive scale war against drugs that has been mounted in this country really getting any benefits, or is it just overcrowding the prisons with first-time, non-violent offenders, and not really getting any results?

This so called "War on Drugs" seems to have finally done the inevitable and progressed, or rather regressed, from an idea meant to better society, to a battle against a post cold-war opponent, "who is tougher than the Russians." From "Just say no," to mandatory minimums and police harassment of innocent motorists.

I will start with Mandatory minimums. Mandatory minimums are drug laws created in '88, '89, and '90

that prohibit the judge from considering anything except the type of drug and its weight when sentencing a drug offender. For example, the laws say that for a first offense of cultivation of between one hundred and two hundred marijuana plants, you get a five year minimum sentence, even if the violation is the person's first offense of any kind. If you meet certain criteria for quantity, it is automatic life without parole. The main problem with these laws is that they essentially tie the hands of the presiding judge.

A crime that before the mandatory would have cost the convict from thirty to thirty-seven months, incurs an automatic penalty of five years, a good twenty-five to thirty months more. Many judges feel that this is cruel and unusual punishment, as

do groups such as FAMM, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, and The Drug Policy Council. Mandatory Minimums are another step in bypassing the Constitution and forming our country into a police state. They allow the court to show no leniency toward first time offenders and tie the judges to mandatory sentencing. These sentences are cruel and unusual because they entail extreme sentences. If you are caught three times, you have an automatic life sentence.

These punishments are fine for violent crimes, but it must be kept in mind that these are nonviolent crimes.

Secondly, the Drug War is slowly chipping away at our personal freedoms. Most are not this extreme, but a student group at the University of Oklahoma that was

formed solely to oppose NORML, National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Law, named ABNORML, Americans Blocking the Nullification of Rigorous Marijuana Laws. To quote: they believe that "it is the right of the DEA to systematically destroy the fourth amendment." And also: "As US society is becoming increasingly lawless, responsible citizens do not need and criminals do not deserve a Bill of Rights."

Groups like ABNORML are what makes me really contemplate whether this country has only a few years left. They would rather live in a police state than a free, democratic society, like the Constitution of the United States provides for.

Thirdly, the police, in effort to stop the flow of drugs on the highways, have

crossed the line from checking to harassing. Now, if you are driving along and get pulled over for speeding, the police officer is going to ask for your license and registration etc., but if you "look like a drug runner" you are liable to get searched. Looking like a drug runner might include sweating when the officer questions you, even though it is a hundred and two degrees, or wearing "Shabby Clothes", jeans and T-Shirt, but driving in an expensive car, the same one you borrowed from your dad that morning.

The bottom line is that the War on Drugs has overstepped its bounds and is encroaching on the freedoms of those who have done nothing wrong and is treating unfairly those who do break the rules.

NEWS

Mr. Bowers to be Head Football Coach



David Ramsay
Staff
Reporter

In January, MBA announced the new head football coach for the 1994 season. Coach Bowers was chosen to succeed the legendary Tommy Owen as the leader of the Big Red football team. Coach Bowers will leave the varsity basketball team (thanks for the tip Dave) where he enjoyed great success. He led the young team to a second

place finish in the District last year, and the District

will be hard to leave all the relationships built up with the team," said Bowers. "I really enjoyed it." Coach Bowers' goals for next year are to have a quality team and for each player to get the most out of the MBA football program as possible. Bowers admits even though the quality of opponents has im-



Mr. Bowers: Proven on the Hardwood
championship this year. "It

proved since he was a player,

same, "We are still expected to win." Bowers says that even though nothing is set, he will make whatever changes necessary in order to achieve his goals, including the first spring practices at MBA, with rising seniors such as Dave Sifford, Fletcher Tidwell, J.T. Davenport, David Ramsay, and Andrew Walker, the Big Red seem to be headed toward a promising first season for Coach Bowers.



MBA's New Football Coach

he believes the expectations of MBA have remained the

VANDY FLAT OR VAN BREDA KOLFF IVY REJECT



Stephen Wall
Writer

After the tremendous success of the '92-'93 men's Vanderbilt basketball season, most Commodore fans expected great things from the team to come.

Unfortunately, how-

ever, Vandy has suffered a number of defeats in the past two months, and many doubt their ability to reach the NCAA tournament.

A number of Commodore fans have decided to blame Vandy's first year head coach, Jan Van Breda Kolff. These fans dream only of what they believe the "great" Eddie Fogler could accomplish instead of some Ivy League "reject" like VBK.

Their criticism is unfair, however, considering

that Coach VBK cannot be blamed for most of the team's problems this year.

How could VBK have helped the fact that his team had to play six away games at places such as the famed Rupp Arena and Syracuse's Carrier Dome?

How can he help the fact that Billy McCaffrey bricked two crucial free throws in the game against Georgia Tech? How can VBK help the fact that Lawson, Evans, Seekar, and McMahan

are extremely inconsistent, scoring anywhere from 0 to 30 points on any given night?

The fact is, Vandy's greatest enemy is its own inconsistency, not its coach. Van Breda Kolff cannot fix these problems and neither could Fogler if he were still here.

Instead of blaming Van Breda Kolff, Commodore fans should back him. After all, he has already hauled in a highly talented recruiting class, including the

son of NBA great Jerry Lucas.

Besides, Vandy's NCAA tournament hopes are not entirely finished with the Commodores' only serious threat being a home date with Kentucky on February 19.

I believe that, soon, Commodore fans will view the hiring of VBK to be a good decision. At least he probably won't ditch us for a load of money like some other coaches we know.



John Roe
Staff
Writer

As I walked along the bluff on my farm in Montgomery county, I looked down only to see the raging, muddy, overflowing Red River. I kept on walking with my tackle box and fishing pole in hand, thinking I might come upon a calm spot to fish. It was a warm February afternoon, and I knew the fish would be hungry, but with the conditions of the river, it wasn't likely I would catch a

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spare tire, much less a fish! I came upon a small feeder creek where I often fish in the summer, but I had never had much success in the dead of winter. Nevertheless, I walked to the shoreline, tied on a floating Rapala, and cast it to the adjacent bank. I started to retrieve the lure when, BANG!, a fish hit it. After a respectable fight, I had a one and a half pound largemouth in my hands. This was one of the 30 largemouth

bass I caught that afternoon. Because of the river's flooded conditions, the fish had moved up to the calm creeks, where they could feed more easily. Also because the creek was shallow, it warmed up fast under the sun. The majority of the fish that I caught were suspended in the back-water area of the creek, where the muddy and the clear creek water mixed. This situation brings food right to the fish's nose.

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NEWS

CHURCHBALL MANIA: WORST to FIRST

Mark
HardisonStaff
Writer

As promised, this church basketball season was one no one will ever forget. As also promised, the Pride from First Presbyterian stormed through the field of eight to claim the title and re-establish itself as the dominate force after last year's dismal 3 and 8 season.

After an early First Pres loss to St. Bart's 1, the league was up for grabs with five teams all tied for first. First Pres could not seem to muster up any type of offense without co-league MVP Andrew Walker and West End Sertoma Church League Sportsmanship Award recipient Jim Bowen. Joel Tomlin, Dan Ferguson, and crew glided to an easy victory under the leadership of Mr. "I shoot baskets in the church

gym Friday nights to prepare." However, coach Lenny Celauro regrouped the First Pres squad over the holidays and installed an intricate three play offense.

After the break, the talk on the streets was Westminster vs. First Pres, but first came St. Bart's 2. NO PROBLEM!! The Pride used Fletcher Tidwell's and David Sifford's team as scrimmage meat. In trying to run over Jim Bowen, Fletch(All Star!?) only fell on the floor, much like the rest of his team. First Pres gained important momentum heading into the Westminster game. The next week, players and fans handed in their math exams early to get a head start on the icy roads for the game of the year. The game got ugly fast with several techs, intentionals, and five different players fouling out. (Jim: 1 half, 5 fouls, 0 points) The pride was able to hold off the swarming

Green Hornet press and late rally to secure victory. Brandon Shea summed up the game when he said, "When there's that much booty kick'n going on, it's gonna get a little messy!" Westminster will tell you they lost because of the refs, but this expert says that it was their lack of an inside game. (Sorry Bearden!) League officials later called the game a battle of "MBA prep future lawyers of America," and labeled Westminster "consistently inconsistent." I think these comments were intended to be insults.

First Pres then suffered from a late season slump dropping its last two games. Despite co-league MVP Loren Nash being held to a season low 13 points, Calvary escaped with a win as Andrew Walker's two final shots were denied by their homecourt rims. The next week the Pride lost in another

barn burner by one point. These two losses, though, served as a wake up call before the tournament.

By some egregious error in calculations, First Pres entered the tournament seeded fourth. This fourth seeding added still more fuel to the fire of the Pride. In the first round, the team once again rolled through St. Bart's 2. Without Sifford to bang inside, all Fletch could do was try to keep the game respectable. He failed. It was embarrassing. I think I saw Fletch cry. The Pride was ready for another shot at Calvary, but that night learned that Parkes Owen led the Green Hornet passed Calvary with his 25 points. Once again, Westminster vs. First Pres was the talk of the week at school. Determined not to let Westminster Cinderella story reach its next chapter, the Pride, sporting the new sleeveless jerseys, warmed up 30 minutes before

the game to the music of Naughty By Nature. Despite the large Green Hornets contingency in the sell out crowd of 87 people, the outcome was the same with a little more excitement. Parkes Owen proved doubters wrong with another spectacular performance putting Westminster up by six early in the second half. However,

Andrew "Chicken" Walker overcame the box and one defense to lead the Pride to victory. Despite the complaints of a bad substitute coach, all agreed that the winner of this game would win the championship.

The championship game lacked the hype and electricity of the semifinal game as First Pres took on a team it had already beaten twice. Snoop Doggy Dog, who took a break from his world tour to play for the opposition, posed a threat at 6'5", but Stephen "Pookie"

Debate....

been invited to partake in the nations 3 most prestigious summer programs. Praveen and Clay have both been in-

vited to the 7 week program at Michigan, and Bill, Tim Wesley, and Eric Himmelfarb will attend the Coon-Hardy

Senior Program at Northwestern University

Leader Search....

Many questions have arisen concerning the critical transition that must take place, and I have had the opportunity to talk to Mr. Wills about some questions that students have had about the search process. First, Mr. Wills made it clear that the Search Committee was working for the overall good of the Montgomery Bell Community and would continue the search until the most qualified replacement was found. There are no time constraints to the search, and the process will end only when the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees are satisfied that their selection is the best possible. Likewise, the Board of Trustees is prepared to begin the 1994-1995 school year with an interim Headmaster. However, Mr. Wills was confident that the search would run smoothly and that the in-

terim Headmaster scenario was unlikely.

As with any change in leadership, MBA's new Headmaster can be expected to bring a new sense of direction to the school. I asked Mr. Wills what he sees and wants MBA's future to hold. Mr. Wills stated that it is his belief and the general opinion of the entire community that MBA will continue and expand upon its mission to broaden the nature and texture of the school community without sacrificing academic excellence, strong community and individual values, as reflected by The Honor Code, and high athletic achievement.

Many students have asked if the Search Committee has considered bringing Dr. Drake back to MBA. Mr. Wills stated that Dr. Drake was asked if he wanted to be placed on the list of potential

Headmaster candidates. However, Dr. Drake declined, for he felt he had an obligation to continue his work at his own high school; and he was not prepared to leave his new job so soon after starting.

Mr. Wills assured me that MBA's new Headmaster will be "A role model," "One who focuses on the whole student," "An accessible and decisive leader," "An energetic and hard-working administrator," "Someone who embraces MBA's tradition," and "An individual who will work effectively to continue the growth and maturation of MBA." Under the Board of Trustees' guidance, I am sure MBA's sixteenth Headmaster will lead MBA proudly into the future.

Congratulations to the Crew and Actors of King Lear

Senior "Last Wills" will be due on May 1. Turn in to Jim Bowen or Taylor Harris

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Rap, Punk, and Death Metal: Lack Power of Predecessors



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Rating Key:

***** - Screaming sensation
**** - Tingly Feeling
*** - Sweating
** - Subtle Grunt
* - Totally Skank
Rap

Who's your favorite skinny, slinky, French-braided, sidekick rapper? Well, mine is Snoop Doggy Dog. His new release *Doggystyle* has finally hit the streets. Producer and label mate, Dr. Dre helped bring Snoop to public attention on his two top twenty releases — "Wit Dre De" and "Nuthin' But A G Thang." *Doggystyle* was delayed for two months due to a murder investigation on Snoop and his body guard. This album is packed with popular ghetto slang and activities in a day in the life of Snoop. Patrick King, fellow student and rap specialist, said, "It's too jazzy." Those three words define the whole album. The sound of *Doggystyle* and Dr. Dre's *Chronic* are identical in both production and music. Dr. Dre is probably the best rap producer I have heard, but his technique on *Doggystyle* is carbon-copy to all of his previous projects. Rapmaster Snoop Doggy Dog broke ground with the singles "Who Am I (What's My Name)?"

"Gz and Hustlas" and "Murder Was The Case" but sank with the rest of the album. So get your "Indo" and strap on your "Gat" and get *Doggystyle*. Snoop's debut receives a ***^{3/4} rating. Now I finally can use street words properly due to the verbal tutoring from Snoop.

Hard Rock/Punk

Hate, Domination, Violence, Self-Mutilation, and Spaghetti? Guns and Roses first release in two years has been thrown in front of us and served with meatballs and basil sauce. *The Spaghetti Incident?*, a collection of punk covers and other favorites, makes meat of their previous releases *Use Your Illusions I and II* and *Lies, Lies, Lies*. For six years I have been waiting for a Guns and Roses album to challenge the power of *Appetite For Destruction*. Axl steps down from his throne for a brief second so the fans can finally have a little fun and see the loose side of GN'R. Vocal appearances from Michael Monroe on "Ain't It Fun" and Duff McKagen on "Attitude," "New Rose," and "You Can't Put Your Arms Around a Memory" enhance the raw power on the raw power on the Gunners release. How much more nearly perfect can an album be with the songs of the U.K. Subs, The Damned, The Sex Pistols, Misfits, and The New York Dolls performed by Guns and

Roses? A production team of Mike Clink, Duff McKagen, and Jim Mitchel turn this collection of rough gravel into rare and precious gems. After the last song listen for the unlisted song written by the famous serial killer Charles Manson. After hearing the entire album, I guarantee the last thing on your mind will be eating a bowl of spaghetti. *The Spaghetti Incident?* earns a **** rating and probably the best review I will give for a while.

Death Metal

If you like Satan, death, and the sound of dogs barking, I believe you will enjoy Sepultura's *Chaos A.D.* Having a more loose feel and the basic death metal style, *Chaos A.D.* prevails over competitor bands and steers away from the more pleasant style on Sepultura's 1991 *Arise* album. If you decide to purchase *Chaos A.D.*, I have a brief list of warnings to avoid questionable situations:

- 1). Do not play this tape at night.
 - 2). Do not play when depressed or feeling suicidal.
 - 3). Do not play when alone.
 - 4). Do not play on a date.
 - 5). Do not play around anybody you respect.
- I hope these warnings help you avoid any possible fatal mistakes. *Chaos A.D.* is graciously granted a ** rating.

MBA PERFORMS KING LEAR



**Will
O'Hare**
ENT.
Writer

After a successful collection of one act plays, the theatre club is now focused on Shakespeare's *King Lear*. Director Bart Whiteman, has added a twist to this tragedy.

The setting, which was originally ancient Brit., has been changed to a post-apocalyptic, Road-warrior like world. The original text, however, has been left the same, except for a little trimming.

The story chronicles the growing insanity of a once powerful king.

The central character, Lear, decides in his old age to divide his kingdom among his three daughters, Goneril and Regan, take advantage of him, while the one innocent daughter, Cordelia, is banished by Lear. Dejected, and without a home Lear ends up in a heath during a thunderstorm. At the height of his insanity he realizes the wickedness of his two daughters

and his mistake in punishing Cordelia.

While these events are taking place, there is a subplot with the Earl of Gloucester and his two sons. The bastard son Edmond has a plan to frame his legitimate brother, Edgar, and rescue his father's wealth. When Lear is on the



Surrealistic Sword Fight

heath, Gloucester is getting his eyes plucked out by the evil Duke of Cornwall who is in conspiracy with Edmund. To find out the ending, come see the play.

It should be a good show complete with many sword fights, some gore, and even a passionate love scene between Edmund (Rob Hancock) and Goneril (Sonia Fernandez).



Lear, Kent, and Robbie

Kent, Will O'Hare as Gloucester, Rob Hancock as Edmund, Paul Thompson as Edgar, Sonia Fernandez as Goneril, Mary Rose Engas Regan, and Elizabeth Eekstein as Cordelia. Beau Tidwell is of course the Fool.



**Loren
Nash**

Project Graduation

On Saturday, February 19, the Project Graduation Steering Committee hosted M.B.A.'s first ever Valentine's Dance. The Steering Committee works throughout the year planning and organizing the Project Graduation party. This party, for M.B.A. graduates on graduation night, provides a safe alternative to unsupervised graduation parties. The dance was planned on Valentine's Day because M.B.A. does not have a dance between Homecoming and

Valentine's Dance Success

Prom, and because no other school in the area currently has a dance for Valentine's Day. Under the guise of a fund-raiser, the Committee hopes to add this event to the annual schedule.

The dance, designed to be equal to or better than Homecoming, was a huge success. Music was provided by professional D.J. Scott Hammaker who, unlike other D.J.'s in recent memory, played music people wanted to hear and "had a clue" about what he was doing. Decorations, including balloons and entrance arches, were also professionally made. Concessions, ad-

vertisement, and other work was done by Seniors and members of the Committee.

The Steering Committee would like to thank all of the faculty for their support (especially those who served as chaperones) and for helping make this event a success. The Committee would also like to give thanks for the tremendous support provided by members of the Senior class, who put in time as workers and on cleanup crew. Thanks as well to everyone who came out for the dance. We hope the money raised will make our graduation party spectacular.

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SPORTS

White Sox, Jordan, and Sounds Spells Baseball



Jim Rich
Writer

Last fall the world of basketball was shocked at Michael Jordan's announcement of his retiring from the game he ruled.

After he initial shock though, the reasons became obvious. His father, who had a huge impact on Jordan's life, was murdered that previous summer.

Also Jordan had conquered every fact of the game. Three time MVP, three time world champion, the game had lost its challenge.

But Jordan hasn't retired, he has simply changed careers. Again he shocked the sports world by announcing he was trying out for the Chicago White Sox. This time there were no tangible reasons to his decision.

Now Jordan has signed into the White Sox organization and will be heading to spring training. This has

led many purists to laugh and to doubt. Many people say that Jordan is too old or that he isn't good enough. Others are simply telling him to stop making a mockery out of baseball and quit. But I disagree.

If anyone thinks Jordan is joking, think again. He is taking 400 to 600 swings a day, studying films at night of Frank Thomas and Ellis Burk, and working out three hours a day to build the proper baseball muscles. Does that sound like a joking man? Plus baseball is not new to Jordan, in fact it was his first love. Baseball has been in a decline in popularity. Jordan's name could really give baseball a boost.

With the announcement of Jordan's signing, season ticket sales have rocketed in Chicago and even in Nashville, with the hope he will play for the Sounds. Last, never underestimate Jordan's desire to compete.

If anyone can make the transition, it is Jordan, arguably the greatest athlete alive. So let Jordan play ball!

Churchball Mania...

Ward shut him down. The game was highlighted by Bowen's record for most shots rejected per second by Snoop Dog and the somersaults of Bearden, Owen, and Dunkerly on the sidelines. Walker's response to what next for First Pres: "We're going to Disneyland." In the consolation game earlier, the Green Hornets took third place on a forfeit. Hats off to Westminster!

In news from other church leagues, St. Henry's turned out to be all talk. Charlie Thombs, J.T. Davenport, Monte Poe, Bill Hancock, Tom Hall, Andy Cortis, and the McGugins were all forced to hang up their basketball shoes after just five weeks. Bradley Sloan, Taylor Harris, and David Brown would like you to think that First Baptist is the best team in Nashville, but they lost two regular

season games to weak competition and came up short in the Championship Game. What's worse is their lack of commitment shown by frequent college visits and Taylor Harris' showing up late for the Championship Game because of some airplane competition in Chattanooga. Then there is the lack of intelligence shown by Taylor in allowing his team to take a two point shot in the closing seconds of the Championship Game when they were down by three.

First Presbyterian is clearly the best. The team would like to give a special thanks to Coach Celauro, assistant coach Ed Martin, manager Matt King, water girl Mary Pillow Kirk, and all of the fans without whom church basketball would be nothing.

Riflery Takes Aim At State Titles



Brooks Martin
Riflery Captain

The first day of practice was spent with Coach Deneke instructing the onslaught of new recruits in the ways of mastering competitive shooting.

His instructions were simple: Step 1. Point the gun at the target, and pull the trigger so that the piece of lead goes through the 1cm. diameter ring that is in the middle of the target; Step 2 (of 2): Repeat step 1 until the match is over. (Ha, Ha!).

The team had only two veterans left, Brooks Martin and Zach Skipper.

Last year's participants were lost to other causes which I'm sure are just as im-

portant.

Our first tournament of the year was rather successful. The varsity squad of Brooks Martin, Sean Sherrod, Zach Skipper and Haynes Gentry roughed the cold weather (even though it is an inside sport) and the impending



doom of exams to place third as a team, a mere 18 points behind first place David Lipscomb.

Individual honors were won by Brooks Martin

who won top shooter with a 368, a ten point lead above the next shooter.

The team's overall standing improved in the next match.

The team of Brooks Martin, Zach Skipper, David Berry, and Haynes Gentry captured the second place trophy after a sparse attendance during the match.

Only six out of the total nine to ten member team showed up on that Saturday.

The good news is that the team is not yet showing it's full potential and they are still placing high in the matches.

When the team has a few more practices and improves their scores the team should walk away with the State Tournament and all of its individual honors.

Region Wrestlers Peak Taking Third Behind Ryan and Overton



Barrett Rose
Wrestling Captain

The Varsity Wrestling team finished up its regular season with a regular season Dual match record of 12 and 4.

The wrestlers toppled such traditional powerhouses as Hillwood, Hillsboro, and Brentwood Academy in head to head competition.

Unfortunately they suffered painful losses to opponents such as Father Ryan and Overton, thus finishing the regular season 3rd in the district, just short of regional qualification.

The wrestling team participated in tournaments, wrestling well all year. In tournaments such as the Ryan, Overton, and Hendersonville

Invitational, MBA often placed wrestlers in the top 4.

In its final and most crucial tournament of the season, the Region Individual tournament at MBA, the grapplers did extremely well, qualifying wrestlers for the state tournament. All taking 3rd place were Andrew Sand-

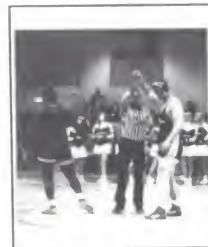
wrestling well for the Big Red in the Region, but not placing

were David Sanders-112 lbs., Will McKeand-119 lbs. (Who suffered a concussion in the semi-final), Will Bartholomew-160 lbs., and Scott Denbo-189 lbs.

Although picked to get fifth or sixth place, the wrestling team placed an impressive third, even without one of its key starters, Alan Roe, who suffered a practice room injury.

The Wrestlers would like to express their appreciation to Coach's Wilcutts, Spiegel, and Killian for their hard work and dedication. This years team owes all of its success to their guidance and leadership.

Overall the Big Red wrestled extremely well this season and with many returning letter-men, the Varsity Wrestling Team will surely have great success in years to come.



Barrett Rose Stands Victorious

ers-103 lbs., John Roe-125 lbs., Jay Cooper-130 lbs., Andrew Douglas-135 lbs., Chenault Sanders-140 lbs., Cory Morgan-152

lbs., and placing fourth was Barrett Rose-275 lbs.

Scoring points and



John Roe Dismisses Opponent

SPORTS

MBA'S Lacrosse Team Plans to Grab National Title from "Real Teams"



**Will
Hickerson
Lacrosse
Player**

The experienced team enters this year's season seeded twenty second in the nation and sees this year as a great opportunity to become MBA's first national championship team. These goals seem amazing since MBA Lacrosse is only six years old and Lacrosse is not very popular in southern athletics. In fact, MBA, McCallie, USN, Brentwood, and Christian Brothers of Memphis are the only high schools in Tennessee who even have Lacrosse teams.

As defensive man Judd English stated, "Yeah, You know it's hard being the best."



The lacrosse team has some fifty participants, but the ones to look for in the big games

are Hugh Gaston, Anton Hie, Tommy Brown, Will Hickerson, Keith Claverie, Lewis Jones, Sean Lehman, Sondeep Soni, Erik Anderson, David Brooks, Jessie Neil, Tyler Coleman, Aran Furgeson, and Kirk Howell.

The official season does not begin until March, but the Big Red has already posted victories over Vanderbilt, Sewanee, East Tennessee State, and the powerful M.T.S.U.

After finally getting into the varsity locker room, the team hopes to take a road

trip to Coco Beach during Spring Break to prepare for



competition that will last all Spring.

For those of you who

have not taken the opportunity to read *The Bell's* very informative description "What Is Lacrosse," I would advise taking a few minutes one Saturday this spring to watch and support MBA's Lacrosse team.

With ten returning seniors, who captured both state and M.A.L.C. Titles last year, we are expecting great things from these MBA students who will stoop if you accuse them of flexing or staring at something that is not there.



**Thomas
Lee
Swim
Captain**

The Swim Team swam swell this season. Since Mr. Rundberg instituted his very aggressive recruiting program, MBA has been able to attract national caliber swimmers who have guaranteed MBA high finishes in both the region and the state.

This year, after graduating nationally ranked Howard Rietz, Andrew Publow, Flag Youngblood, and Bo Sundius, the Big Red looked to have an off year. However, Mr. Rundberg felt confident knowing he had one of the nation's finest recruiting classes.

Alas, when that first

assembly came, Mr. Rundberg talked for at least thirty minutes about his underclassmen who had defeated Michigan and Michigan State, not to mention USN, Brentwood, and Ryan.

Led by Olympian Jeremy Kane, Joey Martinez, Thomas Lee, Sam Kuykendall,



and Gold Medalist and Lifeguard Ryan Brunkardt, the Big

Red compiled an undefeated record against swimming powerhouses Hendersonville, LaVergne, Ryan, USN, and Brentwood.

In the Region, MBA was stunned by Tullahoma who just edged out MBA's swimmers after a controversial 200M Butterfly victory. This did not stop MBA who managed to qualify Brandon Erlandson, Jeremy Kane, Joey Martinez, Thomas Lee, and Sam Kuykendall for the State Swim Meet. However, MBA's swimmers must have done a little too much celebrating before the state, for the Big Red placed tenth behind both McCallie and Baylor.

The season did not

end without highlights. Jer-



emy Kane won almost every

race in record time, including taking seven seconds off the previous 500M free state record, and the young team gained some valuable experience. With all swimmers returning except Thomas Lee and Ryan Brunkardt, the Big Red has a bright future; and under the guidance of Coach Rundberg, next year will undoubtedly bring MBA a Region Championship and State Title.

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The long awaited second edition of Sports Trivia is back. Brandon Plunkett, last editions winner, enjoyed his two free Vandy-Kentucky tickets. This editions prize is even better. Here are the questions:

Sports Trivia by Bill and Dan

by Bill and Daniel McGugin

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| 1) The 1990 Kentucky Derby winner was
a. Go and Go
b. Summer Squall
c. Unbridled | 3) Who won the 1950-51 NBA championship?
a. Rochester Royals
b. Boston Celtics
c. Rapid City Racers | 5) Who was not an NFL commissioner
a. Elmer Loyden
b. Bent Bell
c. Pat Crow | 7) Joe Page played for the
a. Cubs
b. Yankees
c. White Sox |
| 2) Who did not score 900 points in his NHL career?
a. Paul Coffey
b. Bobby Orr
c. Jeff Keil | 4) Who hit .360 for four different MLB teams
a. Rod Carew
b. Dave Winfield
c. Rogers Hornsby | 6) This person rushed for 100 yards 6 times in the playoffs:
a. Bob Spate
b. John Riggins
c. Brian Dunn | 8) Georgetown's leading career scorer is:
a. David Wingate
b. Patrick Ewing
c. Othello Harrington |

SPORTS

District Champion MBA Prepares for Post Season Play



Andy Barrett

Sports Editor

After the Christmas intermission, the MBA Varsity Basketball Team resumed its regular season schedule with a matchup against region foe Antioch. The Red jumped out to a 25-point half-time lead and maintained the margin throughout the second half. MBA embarrassed the Bears at their own gym with a 75-58 victory.

Next was an all important district matchup against the Evil Empire from Franklin Road. As usual, the Red came out bombing in the first quarter, and secured a 10-0 lead early in the contest. After gaining a fifteen point lead by halftime, MBA saw its lead dwindle to just nine points

late in the third quarter. Forced to shoot free throws in the fourth quarter, the team stayed tough and gained a 57-40 victory.

Next on tap was district opponent Pearl-Cohn. The Big Red soundly defeated the Firebirds, and went on to split two games in Muhlenburg,



Kentucky, before challenging the second best team in the district, Overton. The Red posted an impressive first half,

and enjoyed a nine point lead at the start of the fourth quarter. The Bobcats clawed back, however, and the score remained deadlocked for most of the fourth quarter. They rallied to a four point lead with just two minutes. MBA narrowed the margin to two points and gained possession of the ball with less than :01 left in the game. A last second three point field goal was denied as the clock expired before the shot was released. MBA suffered its first district loss of the season (62-60).

The Big Red battled back though, and gained decisive victories against district foes Pearl-Cohn, Whites Creek, and Hillwood. With revenge on the team's mind, the Big Red next journeyed to Overton for another showdown, the winner of which would take over first place in the district. This barnburner

was almost identical to the first meeting: MBA gained an early lead but relinquished it early in



the second half. Fate would prove to be on MBA's side this time as the team had the ball with eight seconds remaining and the score tied. After an in-bounds pass from Rob Welholter, Andy Barrett drove

and hit a 15-foot jump shot to snare a 52-50 victory.

The next five games were a breeze for the Big Red. The team mowed down district and region foes such as Maplewood, McGavock, Father Ryan (once again), Glenciff, and Hillsboro. Will Coles proved to be the difference in two games as he posted 32 and 18 points against Maplewood and Hillsboro. Ben Corbett was also impressive as he knocked down seven out of seven three pointers on his way to 30 points against Father Ryan. Rob Welholter showed flashes of brilliance also, claiming 18 points against Hillwood.

The Red concluded its regular season schedule with a district record of 11-1, and 23-4 overall. Having defeated every team in the region, the team is primed for post-season play.

STATE BOUND: MBA Basketball Faces Oakland First Round

After clinching first place in the district for the regular season, the Big Red expected to do likewise in the District Tournament. In the semifinals at Pearl-Cohn, MBA was slated to play a pesky Hillwood squad. The game was tied at 31 at half-time, but the second half was a different story. Ben Corbett decided to take over by notching 23 points and leading the Big Red to a 67-61 victory.

The semifinal win gave MBA the opportunity to face new rival Overton in the finals. As usual in a match-up against Overton, the score remained close throughout the game. The Bobcats grabbed a four point lead with two minutes remaining and refused to relinquish it. MBA was forced to foul Overton, and the Bobcats hit the free



throws in the waning moments to secure the victory. Will Coles led all scorers with 33

points, but it was not enough.

Despite this second place finish in the District Tournament, the Big Red was more than ready for the Region Tournament. In the quarter-finals, MBA made short work of an athletic Hunters Lane team, and was pitted against Hillwood again in the semifinals. MBA nursed a slim lead throughout the first half, but the margin narrowed to only two points late

in the third quarter. Rob Welholter, by snaring offensive rebounds and slashing to the basket, proved to be the difference. He ended up with 18 points as MBA won by a score of 61-51.

In the finals, the Big Red had a chance to redeem itself by facing Overton once again (the fourth time of the season). The

game came down to the fourth quarter as usual. MBA gained a four point lead after Overton suffered an unfortunate technical foul. With the lead and



possession of the ball, MBA went into a deadly delay game with four minutes remaining. The impatient Overton squad was forced to foul, and MBA won the game at the free throw line (61-51). Will Coles was impressive once again, as he nailed 22 points and was named Region MVP. This victory was a milestone for MBA Basketball - it marked the first Region Championship in MBA history.

The victory against Overton gave the Red the opportunity to host its first ever Sub-State game. This game against Franklin was perhaps the most exciting sporting event of the year.

Virtually all of MBA's student body was in

place by 6:45 p.m., and Franklin was more than intimidated by the vicious crowd. The game was no contest from the beginning. The Big Red

soared to an 8-2 lead and never looked back. The lead was 15 at half-time and 22 in the third quarter. As the buzzer sounded and the fans rushed the court, the final score read 90-74. All five starters scored in double digits in this convincing victory.

The victory marked another first for Big Red Basketball: MBA's first ever trip to the State Tournament. The tournament will be held at MTSU from March 17-19. Hopefully, the team will be heading off to Spring Break with its first State Championship ever. All of this success

would not have been possible without the unified effort of the entire school. Thanks to those fans who supported the team throughout the season. The support has helped make the season a memorable one.



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